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Valley Voices welcomes spring



Lesley Allan Western Review

The stage was alive with the sound of music, as the Valley Voices Community Choir presented its 13th annual spring concert on Apr. 26. Taking place at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre, the shows theme for 2014 was Music, Lead the Way, and featured music from a wide range of genres and some much beloved musicals such as The Sound of Music, as well as Singin' in the Rain.

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NEWS

Need for water conservation impacts businesses

High turbidity in the North Saskatchewan River impacts water treatment plant

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Drayton Valley was put on a water restriction notice Apr. 17 by the town, which led to shut down of some businesses while the community watched the amount of water they used.

"We were not able to produce enough potable water to supply the town plus have fire needs," said Director of Engineering, Sonja Wigglesworth.

This is a normal event every spring or summer where we have production issues at the plant due to turbidity in the water quality in the North Saskatchewan River," she said.

Non-essential businesses like the local car washes were asked to shut down on Apr. 17 and Apr. 18 until further notice was given.

"We also asked our bulk station to shut down and asked Valley Power to reduce their processing," she said.

"We need to ensure that water is available for fire suppression. So it becomes a question of our washing versus putting out a fire," Wigglesworth explained last week.

Car wash owners were given a notice to shut down on Apr. 17 at 11 a.m. while they were open since 7 a.m. Meanwhile, the notice was put out in the community between 3 and 4 p.m. the same afternoon.

"Of course we were affected

We had to send staff home on Apr. 17," said The Car Wash Inc., originally owned by Dawn Lee. "It's not the biggest season. So the spring, we have more staff."

"Not only did our staff complain, but most of our customers were complaining," she said. "We had to explain to them. No all of them knew what was going on. I know the town is doing their best to let them know what happened. But still, not many people go on the weekend."

Meanwhile, owner of Drayton's Pride Car Wash and Sparkle Car and Truck Wash, Mike Charnes said his business was shut down for about eight days this season, which Lee agreed was similar for his business.

"I've been here 18-12 years. Only one time we were shut down, which was a few years ago, but this year we've been shut down several times," said Charnes.

"We're not new owners since September 2013. And it was slow, but finally when we did get into, we shut down," said Wigglesworth explained some major water breaks have happened this winter.

"We hope that doesn't happen again, but we were not the only community. It was due to the weather conditions this year. Think of City of Edmonton in three days they had 13 breaks. Obviously they have a lot more infrastructure than us but still. The City of Saskatchewan had a record number of breaks this year. And it was all the same in the western Canada," said Wigglesworth.

Charnes said each day of shut down would have meant about \$10,000 worth of sales was lost to his business.

Both car wash owners understood that their business is non-essential service and could be asked to shut down in case of an emergency.

"It affects our business but I understand. But hopefully if the city can give us further notice that would be helpful. So I won't be surprised if we're open or not. All my staff was waiting for a call from me at home," said Lee.

"We try to give a heads-up as much as possible. It's not planned. We do the best we can," said Wigglesworth. "Sometimes it's the planning or the discussion. And it's not always a unilateral decision. The staff was working 24 hours to try to get it working. It was around 7:30 a.m. they said 'we can't do this. It's not happening.' So we can give them a heads-up that it might happen. But there's no telling until we get there."

"She said the town started discussing water restriction to the community around 10 a.m. on Apr. 17."

"It took us until the middle of the afternoon to come to that final decision. Because we were trying not to, it was not the place we wanted to be with the local press."

There is a new water treatment plant under construction, which is scheduled to be up and working in the summer of 2015.

When asked if Wigglesworth believed the problems would continue with the new plant she said, "We don't anticipate it. We don't anticipate as much disruption to the general public as there can be."

Wigglesworth said she has been appreciative of the community, especially due to the restriction being put just before the long weekend.

"We're appreciative of understanding and co-operation. We do this to protect our town so that we can still have

our fire protection and hospital consumption. We do this to maintain those essential services. Not to inconvenience the town," she said.

She encouraged residents to consider water conservation during all times of the year for example using rain barrel to

water their gardens, or washing down the driveway.

"Children are a wonderful convenience but they use a lot more water than the sink. So those are ways to reduce water, especially in times when we ask them to reduce water," she said.

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11:15 am - 11:45 am & 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
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Upcoming Council Meetings

Regular meeting of TOWN COUNCIL
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
Council Chambers,
Town Office • 9:00 a.m.

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Date: Thursday, May 8 • Times: 3:30 pm
Location: United Church, 5029 - 48 Street

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Full agenda available at www.draytonvalley.ca or 8-3.ca

Speakers include: Diana McCusker, Minister of Energy; Mayor Glenn McLaren; Bob Mitchell, ConocoPhillips; Bruce Edgewood, ATB Financial; Russ Metcalch, ACTIA; David Lawen, CGEMC; Richard Adamson, Carbon Management Canada; Mark Solen, CDSIA.

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Adults: 8am Start • Kids of Steel: 1pm Start
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Aspen Waste Management Facility
Sat, May 3, 2014
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Please do not bring mattresses or box springs, white or refrigerators.

Garage sales signs cannot be placed on any lawn and parking boulevards and right of ways. Signs can only be placed on private property, with permission of the owners, and must be removed within 72 hrs. of being erected. Signs can be posted at the Community Bulletin board located at the North recycling area on industrial Rd.

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Cardlock dispensed Diesel Exhaust Fluid is now available at the Drayton Valley UFA Petroleum Agency.



news



Photo Submitted
One of the students on a sail boat trip last month as part of a school program looks out over the Pacific Ocean. The trip was a first for students in the Wild Rose School Division and lasted for a week.

Taste of sea and sailing

Local students spent a week on the Pacific Ocean

Monta Lulla
Western Review

Last month it was goodie landlubbers and helio open waters as a number of local students had the chance to take part in a unique experience.

Students from Frank Macdougall High School got a chance to take a sailboat trip as part of Sailing And Life Training Society (SALTS), a trend that is new to Wild Rose School Division.

"We got approached by the Canadian Rocky School Division who invited us. They contacted us. They didn't have enough kids to fill the boat," said Sean Stepien, a teacher at Frank Macdougall who accompanied the students on the boat.

Stepien said the trip was a success and would like to see it happen again. However, the teacher isn't sure if it can as

he has heard rumours about it being a long waiting list. The boat had 29 students along with five crew members and four supervisors. Eleven of those students belonged to Wild Rose School Division.

The trip that let them sail the Pacific Ocean cost about \$1,500 and students ended up missing four days of school. However they received a lot of valuable learning as part of the trip.

"The trip led on those days because that was Canadian Rocky Schools Spring Break and they were the organizers of the trip," said Stepien. The students technically learned how to sail. They received certification to being able to sail a non-powered craft.

While on the water they had different jobs to keep on the ship and radio duty.

"Everybody was divided into three watches. These watches would go and do four hour shifts during the day and one hour shifts at night," explained Grade 10 student Christian Poulis.

Stepien said lack of social media on the boat allowed students to interact with one another and get to know everyone on the boat.

"Meeting new people and having that experience was fun. You got thrown in with them. You never met them before, and you had to work with them," said Grade 10 student Adam Knowles.

"It forced us to sit back and evaluate human relationship again and not fall back on technology and insult ourselves that way. Were there conflicts on the boat between students? Of course there were. I watched them every day. But the best part was they resolved itself," said Stepien.

The students praised food on the boat, while some had to deal with the lack of showers.

"Human dynamics change quite a bit when you're under a stressful environment such as a working boat. I mean there wasn't a single person on there that wasn't sleep deprived by the third day because it took a 24-hour crew to make that boat work," said Stepien.

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Brazeau County News

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Rural Communications Community Engagement

Brazeau County will be hosting a Community Hall Session to discuss the communications strategy for the Cynthia and Lodgepole area. Check in next week's paper for a date planned in May.

For more information on Rural Communications visit our website at www.brazeau.ab.ca/ruralcomm

Email any questions or comments to ruralcomm@brazeau.ab.ca

Upcoming News & Events

- Regular Council Meeting will be on May 6th starting at 9am. All Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public.
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting on May 13th starting at 10am in the Council Chamber. Contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-2667 for further information. ***Dates are subject to change.
- Agricultural Services Board Meeting on May 21st at 10am at the County office.
- Business Visitation Program - Survey of County businesses in the late spring. Contact the Economic Development department at 780-542-7777 for more details.

Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the classified section or on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca

2014 Dust Control Program

Brazeau County is accepting applications for the 2014 Dust Control Program. Applications may be acquired at the County office, 7401 Township Road 494, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on our website www.brazeau.ab.ca.

You will need your rural address (blue sign) to complete the application.

Full payment is required at the time of application.

The cost for this service is:

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Applications should be submitted before May 16, 2014.

For further information,

contact the Public Works Department at 780-542-7771

NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The following Development Permit has been issued by the Brazeau County Development Authority

PROPOSAL: Single detached dwelling (1200 R2) with attached garage (520 R2) and attached deck (80 R2)

Variance granted to maximum site coverage from 35% to 36%
Variance granted from the accessory - attached deck (80 R2) to the rear (west) yard setback from 7.5 m (25 ft) to 4.16 m (13.64 ft) and from the attached garage (520 R2) to the front (east) yard setback from 6 m (20 ft) to 3.66 m (11.99 ft)

LEGAL DESC: Lot 8 Block 3 Plan 122 1187 within SW 3-50-7-WSM, which is situated at 5104 49 St in Rocky Rapids

Written notice of an appeal for this permit, containing reasons for the appeal, and a \$250.00 appeal fee must be received by the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, either by hand or registered mail, at the Offices of Brazeau County by 5:00 p.m., May 6, 2014.

For further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 780-542-2667

NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The following Development Permit has been issued by the Brazeau County Development Authority

PROPOSAL: Accessory - attached deck (80 R2)

Variance granted to maximum site coverage from 35% to 36%
Variance granted from the accessory - attached deck (80 R2) to the rear (west) yard setback from 7.5 m (25 ft) to 4.16 m (13.64 ft)

LEGAL DESC: Lot 5 Block 3 Plan 122 1187 within SW 3-50-7-WSM, which is situated at 5108 49 St in Rocky Rapids

Written notice of an appeal for this permit, containing reasons for the appeal, and a \$250.00 appeal fee must be received by the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, either by hand or registered mail, at the Offices of Brazeau County by 5:00 p.m., May 6, 2014.

For further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 780-542-2667

BRAZEAU COUNTY NOTIFICATION OF MAILING OF PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

Pursuant to Section 311 and Section 306 of the Municipal Government Act, the Combined Assessment and Property Tax Notices for Brazeau County were mailed on April 24, 2014. All assessed persons are deemed to have received the notification of this notice to have received their assessment notices. Property taxes are due May 31, 2014.

The Assessment Roll is open for review by any person during regular business hours at the Brazeau County Office located at 7401 TWP Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta. If you wish to object to your assessment or any assessment, you must, within sixty (60) days of the date of mailing of the Combined Assessment and Property Tax Notice, lodge your complaint in writing to the designated officer of the Local or Composite Assessment Review Board.

An Open House with the Assessor for Brazeau County will be held Monday, May 12, 2014 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Brazeau County Office.

To obtain additional information with respect to taxation, please direct inquiries to the Brazeau County Tax Department at 780-542-7777.

Brenda Chene Director of Corporate Services, Brazeau County
Dated April 24, 2014

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news

Cultivating clean energy initiatives

Information session brings together leaders to create greener future

Lesley Allan
Western Review

Creating new methods of sustainability has been an important goal for the Town of Drayton Valley and on Apr. 25 community, business and provincial leaders came together to discuss not only the initiatives seen on a local level, but how communities across the province can look to a future of green technology.

"Tonight is a launch for Drayton Valley's Pathways 2 Sustainability (P2S) event that is going to take place in the fall of 2015 coinciding with the opening of the Clean Energy and Technology Centre (CETC)," explained Lisa Fox, co-ordinator for P2S. "We're building momentum by hosting these roundtables all across the province on behalf of Drayton Valley and the CETC, with their initiative within the Bio-Mile and to promote the best technologies and practical solutions for sustainability for municipalities, partnering with industry, and new emerging technology providers."

Taking place at NorQuest College in Drayton Valley, the event was organized by P2S, a Calgary-based organization dedicated to showcasing innovations, practical solutions, and defining pathways to economic, social, and environmental sustainability.

The evening served as a way for those in attendance to share information and insight into how sustainability can be achieved in many areas of Alberta's economy, and featured speakers with expertise in agriculture, business innovation, and energy.

"It's exciting when you've got businesses, industry and community leaders, as well as government officials, all coming together and sharing how we can build sustainable communities and what that looks like," shared Diana McQueen, MLA for Drayton Valley/Devon and Alberta Minister of Energy. "There's a certain amount of learning that you can take and transform

for other communities of like size and resources, so what I think is really good is when you get all of those partners around the table brainstorming and saying 'What could the future look like?' That's really exciting for the community, but it's also really exciting for the province and other communities to learn from us."

"I think the Pathways 2 Sustainability really is important," she added. "Normally we have these kinds of programs in the larger centres, like Edmonton and Calgary, but what's exciting about bringing it to communities like Drayton Valley, and other small to mid-sized communities, is that it shows sustainability is important for all communities."

Starting off the information night as the keynote speaker, McQueen highlighted and spoke about the latest sustainability efforts being initiated by the province. Highly knowledgeable about the work done here in Drayton Valley, McQueen also spoke of how inspiring the sustainability efforts of the community have been and commended council and administration for their efforts.

Drayton Valley has really been doing a lot for a number of years to grow the bio-economy and I think with a community that already has so much opportunity in the oil and gas, forestry, and agricultural sectors, to be able to also think about about new sectors and how to attract new developments here is really exciting," she explained.

"It's exciting for me being the former mayor and having started the Bio Mile in Drayton Valley at that time, to be able to be the Environment Minister and help fund some of these programs, and now as Energy Minister, it's very exciting," McQueen continued. "This is home, so it's near and dear to my heart, but I just commended the council and the administration team in Drayton Valley for all of the work that they've continued to do in making this a reality. It takes a lot of work and a lot of vision, and so I'm just really proud of this community."

According to Fox, the work being done by Drayton Valley, as well as other communities throughout the province, is what they want to share with

the rest of Alberta, Canada and the world. Acknowledging some of the challenges facing the global community when it comes to the environment, Fox explained that this is the time to start investing in projects like those seen in Drayton Valley so that it will benefit future generations.

"We all know that our populations are expanding and that growth will continue," she said. "We are looking at an emerging green technology sector that is responding to the need to start getting the highest production value out of every resource we have."

"Water is a resource, it's not waste anymore, and the sooner we realize that balance in the future will require that we live in harmony with all systems, the better," Fox continued. "So this I think is really a global endeavor to use our resources to the fullest capacity so that we don't have to continue to extract, we don't need to continue to accumulate materials, and we can start to reuse those materials in new ways and innovative ways."

Highlighting the fact that Drayton Valley is at the forefront of sustainability initiatives within Alberta, Fox also shared that by spreading stories of the community's efforts and successes, they hope to encourage more collaborations and projects that work toward a greener future here in the province.

"I think that it takes leadership," she shared. "Showcasing that leadership is happening will encourage and inspire other communities to follow, and so Drayton Valley is at the forefront, I believe, in making clean tech solutions partnered with municipalities, academic institutions and innovation investors."

McQueen also highlighted the importance of spreading Drayton Valley's story in the hopes that it will inspire others to strive for sustainability and use the community as an example as to how they can achieve the support necessary to move forward in similar ways.

"I think it's really important that we work with our small and mid-sized communities because sustainability is sometimes harder for them," she said. "We have 260 municipalities in Alberta so many other communities can learn from what's happening here."

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news

Student wins cabinet competition

Grade 11 student to enter the Provincial Skills Canada Cabinet Making competition mid-May

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

A Frank Maddock Grade 11 student took home top spot in the regional Skills Canada Cabinet Making competition held mid-April in Edmonton.

Cole Efford will now enter the provincial competition that will also take place in Edmonton.

The Grade 11 student was surprised about his big win as the people he was competing against had more experience in the skill than he did.

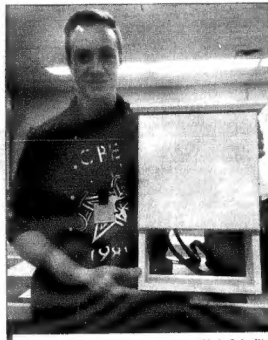


Photo Submitted

Frank Maddock High School student Cole Efford holding the cabinet he made, winning the top spot in the regional Skills Canada Cabinet Making competition.

"I was actually ahead of the game. There was a break halfway through and I was done the project

—Grade 11 student, Cole Efford

"I've only been in Grade 10, never been in construction course before that so I had no experience in it whatsoever. So my teacher, Mr. Stepien helped me prepare for it a little bit. And my uncle who lives in the city helped me prepare for it also as he's a cabinet-maker," he explained.

The 17-year-old said he had six hours to build a cabinet and complete the project at the regional competition.

"You go there and they give you stock lumber. And you have six hours to complete it. You build

it all there. There are 14 competitors you compete against," he explained about how the competition works.

The FMHS student said he had participated in the regional last year and won bronze, which let him go to the provincial level last year, where he came in 8th place.

"This year it was a lot less stressful than last year. Because last year I didn't know what I was doing. This year I was more prepared for the regional one. I had practiced. So it turned out a lot better than last year."

"I was actually ahead of the game (this year). There was a break halfway through. And I was pretty much done the project in three hours. So I glued it all up and I added two hours to finish it. So I sanded it and sanded it. I think that's something the judges look for," he said.

Efford believes the judges look for dimensions along with the finished touch.

"Your dimensions have

to be perfect. If you're off by millimetre you start to lose points. They look to see if there are any gaps in your joints. If everything is accurate and if the door fits right. And also how it's finished," he said.

After winning gold regionally this year he was invited to NAIT in Edmonton to practice with the post-secondary students prior to the provincial competition which will be held in May.

"I'm invited to train with the post secondary people and so I'm going to go in and there is a specialized guy coming in to train everyone. We're doing a project. I will have a little bit of extra help."

He said the additional training would certainly help him as the Provincial competition is tougher, with about 30 competitors.

"Because the provincial project is a lot more complicated so if I get a visual like see how it's built I would feel a lot more comfortable and I would be able to do it," he said.

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news

Air monitoring society provides service to area

PSAMS holds open house to explain its role

Marta Lulla
Western Review

What is in the air up there? There's a local system that can help you answer that. Along with visiting them on Facebook, feel free to bookmark the Pembina Sentinel Air Monitoring Society's (PSAMS) website, especially if you live near a well, say society members. The non-profit organization, funded by local oil companies, held a presentation at the MacKenzie Conference Centre on Apr. 24 to help the public be aware of their system. The system covers Drayton Valley area from west of Leduc, pole through to the west end of Parkland County monitoring the levels of hydrogen sulfide and sulphur dioxide in the air.

There are 63 receptor monitors that provide immediate, unedited data on the Pembina monitoring.com website, which helps the public monitor the level of gases in the air. "The website gives them a real time view of what's happening in the air. It's a live view of hydrogen sulfide and sulphur dioxide levels in the atmosphere. The sensors will be a certain level, but it's a well, say society members. The non-profit organization, funded by local oil companies, held a presentation at the MacKenzie Conference Centre on Apr. 24 to help the public be aware of their system. The system covers Drayton Valley area from west of Leduc, pole through to the west end of Parkland County monitoring the levels of hydrogen sulfide and sulphur dioxide in the air.

normal season is about 100,000 per year given out to equipment and expertise to maintain the system. The revenue required to enable the society to meet its objective is based on a formula that lets companies that produce the most sour gas efficient pay the highest portion of the budget. PSAMS board members consist of all companies, government agencies and third parties. "A lot of the rural farmers were concerned about the development of our wells in their backyard. And we wanted a system that would give us information so we could make decisions if there was an incident if we could stay or evacuate our families," said Art Frey, Pembina Agricultural Protection Association (PAPA) representative, an agency that is a stakeholder of PSAMS.



PSAMS explained how it functions in the community with a presentation hosted on Apr. 24 at the MacKenzie Conference Centre.

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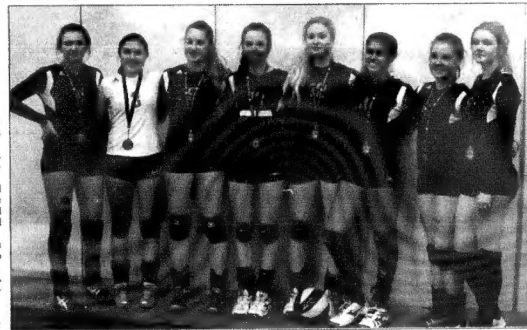
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Local athletes head to provincials following big win

Drayton Valley's U16 girls volleyball team make their way to provincials after a successful season on the court and a win in their division

Brittney Gaudet
Special to the Western Review

After taking gold in their division early this month in Sylvan Lake the local U16 Club Volleyball team heads off to provincials early in May in Edmonton. "This year the team is doing fantastic," said Krista Gallant, team manager. "We won gold and are now heading to provincials May 2, 3 and 4." The team consists of 12 members all from Drayton Valley and surrounding areas. Practicing every Tuesday and Thursday at the Drayton Valley Christian School; the team is also being trained by a special coach. Now he's lending his expertise to the local squad. "This coach is from Aspire Volleyball; he is a national coach who worked with Sweden as well as Canada and lead them to gold. "Lots of parent volunteers have been helping to coach as well. Darrell Curry from the high school, Gregg Janzen, Heather Lawrence and myself," said Gallant. "The coaches aren't the only things unique about this team. These girls have been together for a few years now," said Gallant. "This team is a very talented group of girls." Early next month local girls sixteen and under will face off against teams around Alberta for a chance at the provincial title.



Drayton Valley's U16 Club Volleyball team is preparing for Provincials after taking gold in Sylvan Lake.

Photo submitted

FMHS High School Rodeo celebrates 18th local edition

Brittney Gaudet
Special to the Western Review

Goat tying, barrel racing, and bull riding are only some of the 11 events that will take place at the annual Big West High School Rodeo on May 3 and 4. "Everyone should come down and have some fun, there will be camping and a concession," said Kristina Morton, member of the Big West High School Rodeo Club. "Local high school students as well as other students attending work hard to make this event possible, rodeo is a very dedicated sport."

In order to make this event possible they have to turn a hockey arena into a rodeo arena, which involves a lot of work.

"In order to get all this work done we have meetings every month even sometimes twice a week to ensure that the event will be a success," said Morton. "This isn't the only hard work that goes into making this event possible. They also have to order saddles and buckles for those who win the events they enter in."

This event is unique in many ways, noted Morton, but the one thing that may stand out more to others is the fact that this rodeo focuses on helping students participating with their academic goals. Students in the high school rodeo circuit are working towards receiving scholarships. Before entering in the rodeo students must have

permission for their schools, the requirements are good attendance record and good academic standing. The event will start each day at 9 a.m. with entry for the event by donation, with money raised going to the Drayton Valley Community Cancer Centre Society in memory of Susan Hines.

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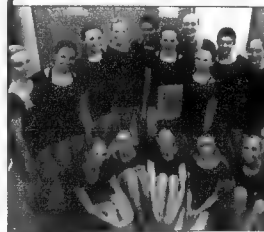
MISS JOANNE'S DANCERS SHINE AT COMPETITION



Photos submitted
 Students from Miss Joanne's School of Dance in Breton and Drayton Valley recently attended the Sundance Dance Competition in Edmonton from Apr. 18-19. One of 20 studios taking part, the local studio did very well bringing home 20 high golds, 19 golds, 15 silver, 15 outstanding awards, eight Most Promising awards, six Top Choreography awards and a For Love of Dance award.



Photos submitted
 CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The Temple Dancers group came away with a high gold and an Outstanding Award. Dancers who performed Girls received a gold and Outstanding Award. Help received a high gold and Outstanding Award and The Dance of the Dolls received a high gold, Top Choreography Award and Outstanding Award.



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Elks and Royal Purple to walk for children

Area lodges host walk for the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children

Lesley Allan
Western Review

The Drayton Valley and Breton Elks might not appear to be as active as they once were, but members are still working hard to support the communities they live in, as well as Canada as a whole.

"We would like people to know that the Elks and Royal Purple are still active in Drayton Valley," shares Aron Steinhart, past president of the local Elks lodge and chair of the planning committee for the organization's upcoming event. "Since we sold our hall we're kind of lost our identity in the town but we're still active."

Showing just how active the group is, on May 3 Elks and Royal Purple travel down to Athabasca will be travelling to the area in order to take part in an annual event that helps children in need of medical support.

"We provide financial assistance for any purpose that is for the good and well-being of a child prior to his or her 19th birthday when sponsored by the Elks or Royal Purple Lodge," explains Steinhart. "We do personal assistance meeting the medical needs of children in lodge communities in Canada when not available from other sources."

Whether it is life saving treatment, programs related to hearing and speech, or even the latest initiative of the province-wide organizations, hearing tests for newborn infants, the Elks and Royal Purple are dedicated to improving the lives of those who don't always have the financial means to

care for themselves.

Now into its 31st year, the Walk for Children travels across the North Central Zone of the Elks and Royal Purple, giving communities and lodge members an opportunity to stay involved and show support for the cause.

"They try to spread the walk out every year. The North Central Zone where we are runs all the way from Viking to Athabasca, so they try to spread it around and give everybody a chance each year, that way people can travel and get to know other lodges."

This is the first year the event has been sponsored by the Drayton Valley and Breton Elks and Royal Purple, with the walk starting at the Rocky Rapids Hall with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by a breakfast ceremony kicking off the day at 11 a.m., the walk starting at 1 p.m. and a dinner at 5 p.m.

According to Steinhart

roughly \$4,000 in known pledges have been collected, but he expects much more to come in as last year's event was able to raise roughly \$50,000 to go toward The Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children.

For more information on Walk for Children 2014 and how to get involved contact Steinhart at (780) 542-3695. To learn more about other work and initiatives done by the Drayton Valley Elks and Royal Purple, or to become a member, the organization meets every third Tuesday starting at 7 p.m. at the Westwind Motor Inn.

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FIRE SERVICES AID IN SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN

Last week members of the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services were in the Breton area assisting with the search for 55-year-old Andrew Nicoli.

Fire Chief Tom Thomson said RCMP contacted the fire services on Apr. 22 to assist with the search for the Breton area resident who has been missing since Apr. 21. Firefighters worked with RCMP and Brazeau Region Search and Rescue throughout the week walking areas around the man's home and involved in a water search on the North Saskatchewan River and Moderate Creek.

In addition to participating in the large scale search effort the fire services responded to six calls for service between Apr. 16-Apr. 24.

Two of those calls were to assist RMS personnel in

responding to medical emergencies. One, on Apr. 17, was at an oil well site where a patient was having cardiac arrest and a second, on Apr. 20, was also for a patient in cardiac arrest.

The fire services were also called to two alarms, which turned out to be false, one in the Birchwood area and another that was caused by cooking.

On Apr. 19 a call was received about a possible grass fire, however once the fire department investigated it turned out there was a permit for the fire.

Firefighters did attend the site of another permitted burn on the morning of Apr. 24. The permit holder contacted the fire services after becoming concerned the fire might be getting out of control. Firefighters responded and Thomson said they assisted the man and worked with him to make sure he had safeguards in place. Thomson said it turned out to be an opportunity for public education. If people have a permitted fire they feel is getting

out of control they should contact the fire services, he noted.

READ UPON RECALLS

Product recalls are issued when there is the potential for serious injury or health concerns, but not all recalls make the evening news. Fire Chief Tom Thomson said last week alone the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services received three product recall notices.

The fire services receives recalls where there is the potential for fire or burn hazards from a faulty product. However, regular members of the public may never hear about recalls that could impact them, he said.

The federal government does have a website where it posts both product recalls and public advisories about potentially harmful products that aren't the subject of specific recalls.

"That's where the public can go to find out about these recalls," said Thomson.

Visiting the recalls section at www.healthycanadians.gc.ca

will provide a list of current recalls and advisories. Consumer public recalls are issued if a company recalls a product because it is considered a danger to life, health or safety as a result of normal or possible use. Advisories, on the other hand, provide information on products where use or exposure could cause adverse effects on a person's health.

If members of the public find they own a product that has been recalled it's important to read the recall notice carefully. Often the notices include instructions on how the product should be handled, or disposed of. Thomson said if instructions aren't included in the notice the resident should contact the manufacturer directly. Recalled items shouldn't just be thrown away because some items may have special instructions on how to be properly disposed of.

Don't make your problem someone else's. Recalled items should never be given away, sold

or donated.

Last week the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services received recalls on the following items:

Hanging glass star lanterns that were sold at Pier 1 Imports. The problem is with a soldered piece in the product that melts when heated, causing it to drop and creating a fire hazard.

GLX Fever Gloves by Kombi Sports. The mittens and associated rechargeable battery pack have been recalled due to a potential problem with the battery pack. There is the potential for the battery pack to overheat and break apart creating a burn and fire hazard.

Whole Home hurricane candle holders and by Sears. There is the potential for the top portion of the holder to break off causing injury to hand.

For more services go online at www150.hcsc.gc.ca/atvg/a-atvg/click-on-the-link-posted or call the fire services association website at www.dvffc.ca

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The EARN Network's career expo held Apr. 10 didn't only give area students and residents an opportunity to learn more about jobs that exist in the region, but also had an added bonus for Almee Trimble (above) and Kathy Kulak who were the lucky winners of the event's iPad draw.

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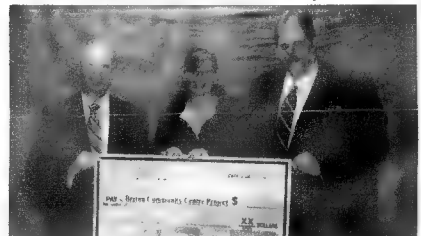
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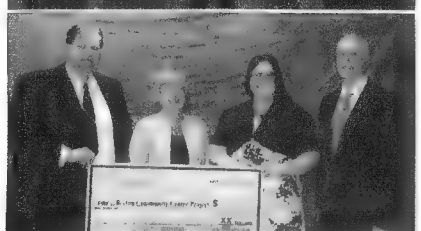
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On Apr. 10 WC Trucking Ltd. (above) took the time to attend the Breton Community Centre's business wine and cheese night where they presented organizers with a cheque for \$10,000. Remick (below) also attended the informal on night and donated \$5,000 to the project's future.



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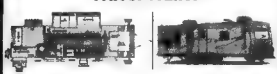
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news

Time for annual clean sweep

Spring has sprung and so has winter's garbage

Lesley Allan
Western Review

Winter time, and all the white stuff that comes along with it is good at covering up all the litter that builds up over the colder months, but regaining how it can affect the look of the surrounding community the town of Drayton Valley is encouraging residents to do some spring cleaning.

"Pitch in Canada is a nationwide campaign. It's something that the town takes part in as part of our nation-wide effort to clean up our community," says Kimly Hickman, 11th's program assistant. "It increases community participation and it helps people take ownership of their communities, and it kind of beautifies it."

"It's good to do some spring cleaning because winter leaves a lot of stuff," she adds.

Taking place May 8, Hickman says that although Operation Clean Sweep focuses on garbage, the benefit of bringing the community together in this way can go far beyond clean streets and gutters.

"It builds better and safer communities," she says. "When people take ownership of their community they care about what happens, they look out for one another, and they look out for one another's property. If you're out doing things like this as a community you're more likely to see other people and getting to know your neighbour and your neighbourhood, so you're more aware of something when it's wrong. So in that way it creates a safer community."

"People are more conscientious when they're in a cleaner nicer neighbourhood," continues Hickman. "They've done studies that show when communities clean up like fix the broken windows and clean



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Drayton Valley's very own Litter Bug, as well as local volunteers, hit the town and area streets to help with last year's Operation Clean Sweep program.

up the graffiti, crime rates drop. I'm not saying this is going to affect the crime rate, but little things like that add up to a lot."

An annual event for the community, Hickman says volunteers who come out will be seen all over town, including a few key areas where garbage proves to be a bigger problem.

"We have a few areas that almost always get looked at," she explains. "The highway between Boston Pizza and McDonald's, and from Elm Horizons along the road 50.54 up into town, these are always pretty major areas just because fences along highways catch garbage and fast food wrappers."

But we always talk to public works because they know best about which areas really need a good clean."

Other areas of focus include school zones, not because those locations are particularly dirty, but because teachers, students, and staff are big supporters of the program.

"We get most of the schools participating," says Hickman. "Because we have it after school they'll participate during the day doing their own areas, but pretty much across the board that we'll have schools participating."

Hickman hopes that others in the community will

also get behind the initiative that focuses on making Drayton Valley a more appealing and cleaner looking community. Pointing out the casual nature of the program she says it can work for almost anyone's schedule and doesn't take much time.

"It doesn't have to take a lot of time, it's not a huge commitment and it's a great community building exercise," says Hickman. "It's a great way to get out and do a little bit of physical labour and feel good about your self and your community."

"It's not just the town getting you to pick up garbage it's really great for community building and taking pride in our community," she adds.

For more information or to register for Operation Clean Sweep, taking place May 8 starting at 3:30 p.m. at the United Church (5028 48 St.) call Hickman at (780) 514-2296, or e-mail fssaidm@draytonvalley.ca. Participants are assigned an area and provided with gloves and garbage bags.

Braceau County is also encouraging residents to get out and help keep the county clean with their annual Pitch In Program that takes place between May 16 and June 9. The deadline to register for this program is May 12 and to learn more call (780) 542-7777.

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Marta Lallo
Western Review

Drayton Valley may bloom at the national level.

After a provincial win in 2012 and a stint hosting the provincial awards last year, Drayton Valley is vying onto the national Communities in Bloom (CIB) stage.

As part of the CIB program Drayton Valley will be seeing plaques placed at some historic buildings in town prior to national judging this summer.

Some of the historical buildings like the Civic Centre or businesses like the Drayton Valley Bakery will have a plaque mounted on them this year. Pamphlets will be available that will help people do a self-guided tour and learn the history of Drayton Valley.

Councillor Nicole Nadeau and Drayton Valley Communities in Bloom Vice Chair Heather Renssion, believe Drayton Valley has a good chance of winning at the national

level this year after winning at the provincial level two years ago.

"I think we stand a good chance because I think we've become well known in the Communities in Bloom program nationally because some of the work that we've been doing especially towards the youth component," said Nadeau who has been part of the CIB committee since it was re-energized several years ago.

"And we've been asked provincially on how we do it, best practices, so we've been asked a lot of advice, so I think we will be strong no matter whom we compete with," she said.

The east-town plaques will have links on them, which people can use to go online and check some facts about the town.

Renssion said it's been tough to go into the history of the town since Drayton Valley is such a young community, but they're on the final stretch of completing the project.

The CIB competition is based on population size that will see judges come in July. Drayton Valley will compete with towns with populations between 5,000 and 9,000 people including Vegreville, Vermilion, N.S., Kindersley and Humboldt in Saskatchewan, and Bay Roberts, N.L.

Nadeau said winning at the national level would mean a lot more than just the title.

"Being a national winner for Communities in Bloom for an oil and gas resource community, I think would be great. I think it'll show we're more to it than oil and gas. We're a rich community, culturally and in terms of beautification practices," said Nadeau.

Although Renssion believes Drayton Valley has a good chance of winning, she explained the competition is lot more than just winning.

"It's about making people proud, environment friendly, cleanliness, community engagement and volunteerism," she said.

Renssion encouraged community members to have block parties as it builds community spirit.

Nadeau encouraged people to pick up litter, be a good neighbour, and just show pride in the community. She said because Drayton Valley is such a young town, a platform such as this will help the town to form its own identity.

"I think we're raising the bar even though we're a small community. We show that there is so much more to us. Such a platform is good exposure," she said.



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 More than 250 people spun to their heart's content at Johnny's Pitt for a 24 hour Spin-a-thon earlier this month.

Through the event, the Smiles from Spencer Foundation raised more than \$10,000 for the Kids with Cancer Society.

You set goals for an amount but really it doesn't matter how much you raise — it's the simple fact that we raised it for such a great cause," said event organizer Barbara Bouwman.

Over the past five years, the annual spin-a-thon has gathered almost \$56,000 in donations.

The Smiles from Spencer Foundation was founded by the Turner family following the loss of their son Spencer, who had cancer.

The Turner family are always humbled and thankful. Both parents stayed the entire time. They started on the bike at 6 a.m. and they finished on the bike the next day at 6 a.m. — it's a tradition," said Bouwman, adding that the family is appreciative of how the event promotes the Smiles from Spencer Foundation.

The newest addition to this year's fundraiser was the introduction of a junior bike, donated by Sophie's Bike Tour. Bouwman said kids as young as four years old rode the bike for 30 minutes at a time, noting the junior bike was filled from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday and raised \$600 alone from the one bike. She added that both Spencer's brother and sister rode the junior bike in honour of their sibling.

Bouwman said kids, ages six to 10 stepped up this year by holding a separate small fundraiser on the side selling loom elastic bracelets and raised \$50, which they personally presented to Spencer Turner's family.

"That was so touching. For those kids to understand that, it was heart-warming to see that," Bouwman commented.

Many different groups participated in the 24-hour challenge. One new group joining this year's event was the Yummy Mommy, a group of 20 young mothers who began exercising together in September 2013.

Bouwman noted two bikes were always filled with moms from the Yummy Mommy's group, and the women who couldn't ride showed up to cheer on their friends.

"That was just great to see. They're not just clients of the club, they're friends," Bouwman said.

And now they're friends with each other and that just speaks volumes to what these types of events can do for

people."

She added the event was well-supported by city council, as Coun. Sheldon Bussert dropped by with his family to make a donation, as well as Mayor Gale Kaichuk, and Coun. Arjun Randhawa jumped on a bike for an hour.

The Johnny's Pitt crew, comprised of management and staff, kept their bike spinning for the entire 24 hours of the event.

Bouwman said she will continue putting off this event for many years to come with a goal of raising a total of \$100,000.

"We just live in such an amazing city. I love Fort Saskatchewan and all that it has to offer," she said.

"We have a little bit of everything for everyone and I think that's what makes us such a great community."

MISSION TO UKRAINE A SEARCH

OF THE PAST FOR LACOMBE MAN

Lacombé Globe

It's a mission of mercy and a quest to uncover his family's past.

Warren Krewaw, 65, has been involved in missions before, having served on mission work in Africa in the past, but he is preparing to join doctors from Calgary, Toronto and Edmonton and Dr. Leighton Nishchuk from Lacombé for a Medical Mercy Canada mission to Ukraine May 1.

For Krewaw, who will serve to document the experience, photographing and interviewing people in the small villages and clinics, the mission is two-fold.

As a missionary, Krewaw loves to give back and serve others, but as one with Ukrainian heritage, never much spoken by his father or grandfather, the trip is a chance to learn more about his family and where they come from, and why his grandfather left the Ukraine when his father was a child.

"Being that it's my heritage, my parents, aunt and uncle took it all to their grave with them without ever elaborating what brought them here to begin with," Krewaw noted.

"I'm going to research for our family for the living cousins who are left. My dad had 18 brothers and sisters, my grandfather had 21."

"We found an 1872 baptismal certificate from Bukovyna in Ukraine, where it all started for my grandfather."

"That church is still standing, we have the certificates to take with us. I'm going to try and get to this church and start the circle over again, or at least complete that circle and bring the heritage back."

"I don't even know my cousins, that's the problem. My dad wouldn't talk about it. So, it went to his grave."

Invited on the mission by Dr. Nishchuk,

who has been on similar missions to Ukraine before, Krewaw said the goal is to help 70 clinics, starting in Lviv.

"We sent a container over in January, which is full of the things that were needed from last year's mission," he explained.

"They will go over and distribute this container to the different clinics that are there. There are things like incubators and medical supplies. The doctors will be working in those clinics to help train the doctors already on site in new methods and upgrade them."

"The doctors over there are very limited, as there are no resources to draw from. Most of the clinics we will be going to have no running water, no in-door plumbing, so that is what we are going to be facing."

Although he is there to lend a hand and raise awareness for Medical Mercy Canada, it will be that church in Bukovyna that he'll be drawn to.

"It's always intrigued me to find out a little bit

about where I came from, originally. My dad would never talk about it."

"I can only speculate, but I know my grandfather came here with his kids and wife in very strange circumstances," said Krewaw.

"I guess today my grandfather would have been called a draft dodger, because he just couldn't stand the skirmishes anymore."

"For me that would have been a shame, because he didn't have any real freedom here either, because he was always hiding."

"He drilled into his children, you don't talk about it."

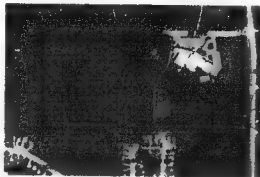
"In honour of my family, in honour of my dad and his brothers and sisters, I'd like to understand a little bit more of what happened, and let it be OK."

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PIVOTING OFF SPRUCE GROVE INVESTS IN SKATEBOARD PARK

Skateboarders of all ages, can enjoy a newly renovated skate park to Spruce Grove as of mid April.

The skate park, located behind Central Park, was first constructed in the year 2000 and was in dire need of an update, said Karl Elliott, site manager from Newline Skateparks.

Newline Skateparks is a British Columbian company that builds and renovates skate parks throughout North America. The project Newline set out for Spruce Grove's park will total \$50,000 when all is said and done.

"The quality of the construction (was) good. Whoever built it took time to make sure the concrete was well done," Elliott said.

The park was constructed in partnership between the City of Spruce Grove and the Rotary Club of Spruce Grove and the Spruce Grove Boston Plaza.

"Certain things about design have been worked out over the last 15 years of building skateboard parks, we have figured out things that work and things that don't."

The park was shut down on April 8 for Newline to begin construction. It was expected to pass inspection on April 17 and re-opened to the public. A successful inspection could not be confirmed as of press time.

General renovations included basic maintenance and upkeep that had not been done in a while, Elliott explained. According to the City, this included repairing iron seams, welding and grinding indentations in angle iron, patching concrete and grinding uneven construction joints.

Other upgrades included replacing the existing flat bar, changing the concrete ledge, the addition of a manual pad and a gap feature with a Hubba ledge at the tail.

"Basically we've fixed up obvious design flaws that were affecting the ride ability of the park," he said, adding further funds could be spent to remove unnecessary concrete pieces.

"There's some things that need to be completely removed and ... to remove concrete costs almost as much as putting it in."

The removal of this concrete is not of any immediate urgency, as the park's current condition does not pose a safety issue.

Elliott, who has boarded for more than 18 years, said the City's park is a good sized skate facility that should be able to accommodate between 30 and 40 boarders at a time.

"They can't all ride at the same time, but you can have 10 people for sure (riding) and others waiting their turn."

Having a skate park in a community can go a long way for keeping kids active and engaged, at little to no cost, Elliott said.

"It gives them something that's their own and something to be proud of," he said of the many youth who will inevitably use the park.

"It doesn't keep them necessarily out of trouble," but at least you know where they are. It's an activity you can do without paying hundreds of dollars to come here. You know your friends are going to be there."

"I've just never seen one that's not been an improvement to the community."

HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM READY FOR WORLDS

Lacombe Globes

heir bags are packed, they're ready to go and so is their robot.

Lacombe Composite High School's (LCHS) robotics club has been preparing for the 2014 VEX Robotics World Championship and that date is soon approaching as the event kicks off April 23 to 27. Team (URL), a technological play on words that stands for United Robotics of Lacombe has been making tweaks to its robot that will compete against others from around the world in tasks that include trying to pick up a ball and put it into the basket.

This tiny robotic Michael Jordan may be designed to slam dunk the ball, but for this baller to compete to be the best in the world the URL team has taken things back to the drawing board a few times.

"We haven't had a lot of practice time, because we learned a lot in our regional competition and so we have been working very hard to try and improve the robot's design to get in on par with the world's robots we've seen online," said team captain and Grade 12 student Curtis Woods.

"I think this is a great skill that will prepare the students for the 21st Century and that is problem solving," said instructor and teacher Steve Schultz.

"The robot you see here has been through over two dozen redesigns. Every time they put a design together, they

look at the pros and cons of that design. If there are enough cons, and they are not satisfied, they pull it apart and redesign it."

Warren Krewy has helped the students through the entire process and is a mentor and at age 65, a fellow student. He said it's been a great experience getting the robot to where it needs to be for the competition.

"It has been an exciting couple of months to bring things to fruition and make this happen. I'm extremely proud of our community about coming up to the plate again and supporting this team, making it financial and visually possible," he said.

"I am absolutely blown away to be a

part of this. Yes, I'm a mentor, but these young men are mentoring me more than you could even imagine."

Follow team captain and Grade 12 student El Aquino said the competition is a chance to showcase robotics to other schools and possibly increase interest in the club and in robotics in general.

"It's a chance for us to reach for the other schools, the younger schools and kids and teach them about mechanics, engineering and robotics," said Aquino, who said this trip to worlds is bigger than last year's event they competed in St. Louis.

"This means a lot to me as a captain and I can pass more onto other students who may go next year."

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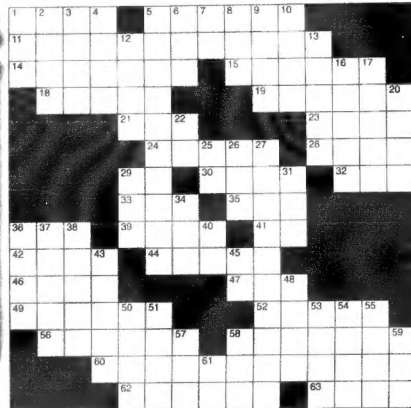
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CLUES DOWN

- 1 Federal home mortgage dept.
- 2 Have great affection for
- 3 Goddess of the rainbow
- 4 Pesetas (abbr.)
- 5 Species of interbreeding acolytes
- 6 A base person
- 7 Polish monetary unit (abbr.)
- 8 7th Greek letter
- 9 A lot
- 10 Blood clam genus
- 12 A single article
- 13 Suggests the

16. **supernatural**
17. **Male parents**
17. **Fall into ruin**
20. **Other**
22. **"Beetle Juice" actress initials**
25. **Female NASCAR driver's initials**
26. **Indicated horsepower (abbr.)**
27. **Describe a sporting event**
29. **Semi-liquid infant food**
31. **Last li, an indefinite series**
34. **Former Cowboy ... Nguyen**
36. **Iranian monetary unit**
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40. **Atomic #3**
43. **White (French)**
45. **Daddy**
48. **Organized information**

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1. Greek portico
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9. North northeast
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1	9	7	2	6	8	3	5	4
8	2	9	7	1	3	5	4	6
2	6	5	9	3	7	8	1	4
9	2	1	6	3	7	8	5	4
7	1	8	9	5	4	6	3	2
3	7	6	5	1	9	2	8	4
4	3	1	8	2	9	7	6	5
5	9	6	4	8	7	1	3	2
6	4	3	5	9	2	7	1	8



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yourself, so stretch at your
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GEMINI - May 22
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CANCER - Jun 22
Cancer, give your fin
consideration this week. I
for saving and stick with
are going to need extra

LED - Jul 23/A
Expect some great news this week, Leo. The impact your personal or professional life has on others is being felt. Ready to

VIRGO - Aug 24/
Virgo, be flexible with your plans. If you can go with the flow, it's possible this week. Try to do something that will put you in a good mood.

8			3			9		
4		5				1		
	6	3						
	3						1	
		4	2	9				
1			8	4				
9					7			3
			9				5	
			1	6		4		

HOROSCOPES

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Don't sweat the small stuff. Libra Others are more focused on the bigger picture so you don't need to fret over everything. Relax and things will come together nicely.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Watch out for any impulses that are out of character for you, Scorpio. You could be feeling like abandoning your usual *modus operandi* in favor of taking

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You have lots of social energy this week, Sagittarius. Others are relying on you, and you are likely to have many admirers by the week's end. Take this opportunity

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, daily life can be tiring, but you need to find a way to muster a little more energy. Get adequate rest and eat right

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Life gets a bit interesting this week, Aquarius. Embrace change, even if the content of change is alien to you. It is

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